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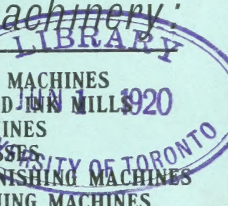
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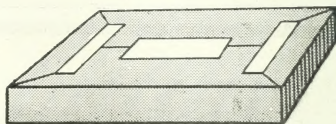
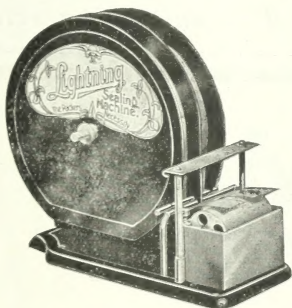
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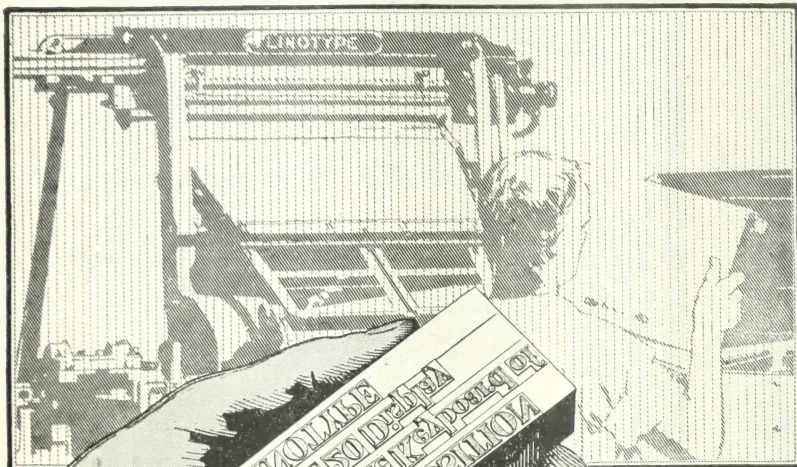
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The Printing Trade in East Anglia.

The Past Year's Work and Current Topics Discussed at Norwich.

That East Anglian master printers are fully awake to the affairs of the moment was made plain at the well-attended annual meeting of the East Anglian Alliance of Master Printers' Associations, which was held at Norwich on March 24th. The business proceedings took place at the offices of the organisation, Victoria Chambers, Bank Plain, and the luncheon which followed was held at the Bell Hotel. Mr. W. T. F. Jarrold, president of the Alliance, occupied the chair.

In the committee's annual report, which was read by the secretary (Mr. George H. Yelf), it was remarked that during the past year the work of the council had been very heavy, owing to the many and quick changes in connection with the industry, particularly those in regard to wages, occasioned through the continued rise in the cost of living; but in spite of these increases the committee was able to report continued prosperity in all branches of the printing and allied trades. Whether this would continue, however, the report said, was doubtful, and the future was looked upon with anxiety.

Development of Organisation.

It was with pleasure the council had welcomed the return of the Lowestoft Association to their Alliance, and the formation of two new Associations, viz., Huntingdon and Braintree, whilst another was in course of formation. This would complete the organisation of the whole area. The report mentioned that at present the number of firms included in the Alliance is 128, and the number of employees (as far as can be ascertained) is about 2,600. These Associations are said to embrace nearly all the firms of any size in the area, but it is hoped to be able to enlist into

the society those not yet members, and attach those in scattered districts to the present nearest Association. By the national agreement, with the grading of the country into six grades, the towns situated in the East Anglian Alliance were placed in Grades 5 and 6 respectively.

The report also mentioned attempts made by the unions to get some towns placed in a higher grade, the demand for the 44-hour week, and the signing of the new holidays and hours agreement.

The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said the past year had been one of the most momentous in the history of the printing trade, and had certainly been one of great significance for the craft in East Anglia. Previous to the war the master printers of this part of the country were altogether disunited, and were more or less cutting one another's throats. Had they continued in that way they could not possibly have met the great advances of wages which had come about during the past twelve months. As was mentioned in the report the members of the council had been sometimes engaged two or three days a week at Federation meetings in London. Conferences had proceeded between themselves and the men with a view to resisting excessive demands.

Prosperity of the Trade.

He went on to say that as a result of those deliberations the printing trade to-day, both from the standpoint of the men as well as the masters, was in a really sound condition provided a good volume of work was assured. The men had obtained such wages as they could never have hoped for in times gone by. During the past year they had also conceded

to their men a 48-hour week, and in addition given them two weeks' holiday—one full week and the six bank holidays, all of which had been paid for. The East Anglian Alliance comprised eleven masters' associations. He hoped that every member of the Alliance would act as a missionary during the present year and do their very best to induce those who were outside the Alliance to come in. He regretted to say that intimation had been received of the death of the President of the Huntingdon Master Printers' Association, Mr. H. I. Hankin.

After dealing briefly with the 44-hour week demand, Mr. Jarrold went on to express the great satisfaction felt by the Alliance at the appointment of Mr. Geo. H. Yelf as organising secretary. Mr. Yelf came to them as a master printer with a full knowledge of the needs of the trade, and had been able to help many master printers, especially smaller ones, owing to his intimacy with the trade and its difficulties.

Mr. Heffer seconded the adoption of the report, and the motion was agreed to.

The balance-sheet, presented by Mr. J. R. Peat, showed a favourable balance of £282 9s. 10d., and was adopted on the proposition of Colonel Fletcher, seconded by Mr. H. Hanson.

Mr. Austen-Leigh, in moving the re-election of Mr. W. T. F. Jarrold as president, warmly acknowledged the unstinted service which Mr. Jarrold had given to the duties during the past year.

The vice-presidents were re-elected as follows, with the addition of Mr. S. H. Wood (Huntingdon), Mr. C. Clay (Norfolk), Mr. J. O. B. Pearce (Cambridge), Mr. H. Hanson (Suffolk), Mr. R. Austen-Leigh (North Essex).

On the motion of the chairman, Mr. J. R. Peat was reappointed honorary secretary and treasurer, with a hearty vote of thanks for his past services.

Mr. G. C. K. Clowes moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Lieut.-Col. Rivers Fletcher, and carried:—"The East Anglian Alliance of Master Printers' Associations at their annual general meeting, recognising the importance of the Territorial Force to the country, and also that its success or failure depends chiefly on the attitude towards it being adopted by the employers of labour, submit to the Council of the Federation of Master Printers that the whole question be considered by them at the earliest possible moment, with a view to sending out recommendations to the whole trade for combined action in order to further the interests and success of the Force."

The London Demand.

Mr. A. F. Blades, the president of the National Federation, in a short speech, said it was the duty of every master printer in his particular district, to support his employers' association. If that support were not forthcoming the Federation could not carry on their work in the fully effective way they ought. He hoped the demand for a 44-hour week was settled for a considerable time. But with the

continued rise of prices, especially with the coming rise in the cost of bread, further increased wage demands were to be looked for. He thought that both the Provincial Alliances and the London Alliance were going to be hit. Only the previous day the London Alliance received a request from the London Printing and Kindred Trades Federation for a further increase of 15s. a week. Their request was based on the argument of the increased cost of living.

Mr. E. W. Humphries (vice-president of the Federation) also spoke.

At the invitation of the President (Mr. W. T. F. Jarrold), a large company was entertained at luncheon at the Bell Hotel.

The chairman, after submitting the loyal toasts, proposed "The National Federation," to which Mr. A. F. Blades (president of the Federation) and Mr. E. W. Humphries (vice-president) responded. The latter, in his reply, said that, whether they liked it or not, employers of labour had got to recognise the fact that the old form of treatment of employees could no longer be maintained. It was the duty of every master to try and stem the tide of revolutionary feeling that was so prevalent to-day by fostering an amicable spirit between their employees and themselves. One thing of which all connected with the printing trade ought to be specially proud was that during this time of industrial unrest their trade had remained peaceful and reasonably happy, and he hoped that might continue. (Applause.) This was largely due to the diplomatic methods adopted by the President of the Federation (Mr. A. F. Blades.) (Cheers.)

Mr. A. F. Blades submitted "The East Anglian Alliance," and spoke cordially of the service rendered by Mr. Jarrold.

The Hope of the Future.

Mr. Cecil Clay, in responding, said he saw the time coming, if it had not very nearly come, when every workman and every working woman would be in his or her union, and every employer in his association, a time when price-cutting would have been scotched and in its place a healthy competition in quality, service, and economic production introduced, a time when the trade as a whole would take care of its unemployed and as a consequence labour be freed to give of its best and produce its utmost without the haunting fear of unemployment for many of its members. As a natural corollary to all that, and in the process of its achievement, he foresaw some control, or at any rate regulation, of profits. Without that he saw little hope of gaining the confidence of labour or inducing it to give of its best. He believed intelligent labour recognised the necessity and use of private capital, and was quite prepared to allow it to retain its fair share in the prosperity of industry in the same way that labour demanded its own share. It was the profits that were unknown and often exaggerated which aroused the suspicions of labour and led to the false policy of "canny" for fear of the employer deriving an

undue advantage. Perhaps one of the first steps to be taken in carrying out that programme was for all of them to inaugurate an accurate costing system and arrive at fair and uniform charges for special work.

Mr. G. C. K. Clowes, Mr. R. A. Austen-Leigh (President of the London Alliance), and Mr. H. Hanson also replied.

Lieut.-Col. H. Rivers Fletcher proposed "The Local Master Printers' Associations."

Mr. C. E. Benham, in responding, said he felt that but for the ridiculously low cost of printing in past days they would not to-day be hearing so much complaint about present charges. (Hear, hear.) It was certainly better to lose a job than to lose on a job. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. A. P. Dixon and Mr. Heffer also replied. The toast of "The Visitors," given by Mr. F. Deyns Page, was responded to by Mr. T. A. Cox.

Municipal Printing.

The Kent County Council Venture.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bennett and Mr. McNeill, who are members for Kentish constituencies, have asked several questions regarding the proposals of the Kent Education Committee—reported in our issue of March 18th—to establish municipal stores and printing works and to spend considerable sums of public money in this form of municipal trading. The usual stereotyped reply was made by Government officials to the effect that this experiment was being made in order to save the ratepayers' money. Many people, however, hold the view that the project is much more likely to raise the rates than to lower them. It is being remarked that with printing plant and all accessories at inflated prices compared with a few years ago, the moment is the most inopportune that could possibly have been chosen for such a venture; over-capitalisation is, in the circumstances, unavoidable, and any saving which might otherwise have been effected will be more than swallowed up in excessive loan charges. The basic disadvantage of having such an undertaking overloaded with capital must be reflected in the price of every single production and can never be wiped out. Competition with the printing firms of the County will, therefore, only be possible under a severe handicap, and without making any allowance for the relatively higher cost of running official establishments—a fact acknowledged generally this handicap will assuredly banish all prospects of lessening the current printing charges.

Apropos of the Kent Education Committee's scheme one facetious newspaper man remarks: "There is, by the way, a precedent for the educationists. Another County authority in the South of England runs a printing department. Some say this small establishment is very suitably housed. It is attached to a lunatic asylum!"

Federation of Master Printers.

Annual Conference at Cardiff.

Arrangements are proceeding apace for the annual conference of the Federation of Master Printers and Allied Trades to be held at Cardiff, June 5th to 9th next. The hospitality committee, with Mr. Short as chairman and Mr. I. Mackenzie Thomas as secretary, and the entertainments committee, with Mr. Fred Glossop as chairman and Mr. McConnell as secretary, are now both actively engaged. A special guarantee fund to meet the local expenditure has been opened to which all members are asked to subscribe.

A very attractive programme of events is being arranged for the occasion. The following are the details of the programme as suggested to date: Saturday evening—Lord Mayor's reception at City Hall, 7.30; Sunday morning—special services, St. John's Church, special services, Charles-street Congregational Church; Sunday, 3.0 p.m.—stewards to act as guides to places of interest; Sunday evening—concert, Cory Hall; Monday—conference, luncheon; Monday evening—boat trip, charabanc excursion; Tuesday—costing congress, luncheon; Tuesday evening—conference dinner; Wednesday—joint industrial convention, excursion to Ilfracombe, visit to Glamorgan Collieries, Tonypany, charabanc excursion, visit to Cardiff Docks. There is also to be an exhibition of printing by arrangement with the Design and Industries Association.

Irish Master Printers' Association.

At a recent general meeting of the Irish Master Printers' Association, with Mr. T. J. W. Kenny, *Connacht Tribune*, Galway, presiding, it was reported by Mr. V. D. Hughes, General Secretary, Dame House, Dublin, that very successful group meetings had been held in various provincial centres during the past three months, and that the membership had now increased to 120, so that the I.M.P.A. practically control the entire printing trade of the provinces.

Discussion took place as to printing costs, and certain recommendations were made, it being felt that if the printing trade is to be maintained, in view of the increasing charges on production, master printers must frequently take counsel and act on a co-operative principle. The meeting devoted a considerable time to the discussion of financial arrangements of the organisation, and preliminary steps were taken towards making an arrangement whereby the Irish master printers will be in a position to meet any situation that may arise in the future.

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Sporting Printers.

A "Fryotype" Championship.

The Committee of the Printing and Allied Trades Charity Sports Association announce that the annual sports (1920) will take place at Herne Hill on July 24th, and from all indications it would appear that the gathering this year will be more popular than ever. The President for this year is Mr. John Fry, of Fry's Metal Foundry, London, and to commemorate the signing of Peace, he has generously provided a perpetual trophy in the form of a handsome shield, value 50 guineas, as the principal prize for a new championship event, which will be designated "The Printing and Allied Trades (British Isles) 'Fryotype' Championship."

The championship will be open for competition to all firms in the British Isles connected with the printing, allied and kindred trades, and will be awarded on points to the team showing the best results collectively in the following events:—100 Yards' Running Race, Half-Mile Running Race, One Mile Running Race, One Mile Walking Race.

Prizes will be given for each individual race, and, in addition to the perpetual trophy, the President will present a special medal to each member of the champion team for 1920.

For a firm to hold this championship is an opportunity not to be missed, and this event will undoubtedly be the centre of attraction of the meeting, and the championship will be keenly competed for by athletes from all parts of the Kingdom.

To add further interest to this event, the following offer is made. Mr. John Fry will provide free convalescent treatment, covering 12 months, to employers for use for any employee in firms connected with the first three winning teams in the championship to a combined maximum value of £25. These advantages can be taken out alternatively as life membership in any trade charity.

The Committee of the Printing and Allied Trades Sports Association offer the prize of £1 is. for the design selected as the most suitable for the shield. Rough designs will be considered, and all particulars will be supplied by H. F. Parker, Gen. Hon. Sec., 8, Albion-road, Wandsworth-road, S.W., to whom entries should be sent.

Swiss Printing Exports.

A Swiss General Licence authorises as from October 10th last the exportation without an individual export licence of machines for typographic printing and other graphic processes; bookbinding machines; cylinders, plates, and stereotype plates of all kinds for printing books and engravings, also for printing on tissues, except lithographic stones.

Costing at Norwich.

The Norwich Master Printers' Association and their enthusiastic chairman, Mr. W. T. F. Jarrold, are to be congratulated on the success of the public-spirited work they have undertaken in arranging technical lectures for those engaged in the various branches of the trade in East Anglia.

On March 19th, Miss G. E. Etherington and Mr. J. R. Riddell gave informative addresses entitled, "Printers' Costing—the necessity for a system—what it means and how it is worked." Technical addresses are much more valuable when given by those who possess a practical experience of their subject, and it is questionable if there are many whose experience of the subject enables them to speak with greater authority on the working of "The Costing System" than the lecturers mentioned.

Mr. Riddell, who was one of the first advocates for the need of a standard system of cost-finding for printers, dealt with the working of the system from the operatives' standpoint, appealing to them to work wholeheartedly in furthering a scheme out of which their own advancement ought to come.

Miss Etherington is associated with one of the largest and most progressive printing firms in London, where she installed the costing system. In her characteristic and lucid manner she explained the workings of the system in all its ramifications from the accountant's standpoint. That she was thoroughly conversant with her subject was soon evident to those present.

A number of questions put to the lecturers clearly indicated the keen interest taken in the subject.

Other centres might with advantage follow the lead given by Norwich, for it is by "independent addresses" such as these that the general adoption of a costing system by all printers, coupled with the co-operation of the workers, which is so essential to the successful working of any system having for its object the ascertainment of cost, will more readily materialise.

THE adaptation of paper for the use of surgical dressings came largely into use during the war, and in the form issued by the Denison Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Sardinia House, 52, Lincoln's Inn Fields, these dressings have met with much favour in civil practice. The bandages, made of crêpe paper, are supplied in various sizes, from one inch to four inches in width, and forty-five feet in length. Other appliances of the same material include: handkerchiefs, sputum papers, towels, gauze surgical pads and dental bibs. A distinct point in favour of paper dressings is the facility with which they can be destroyed by burning after having been soiled.

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Report of the Directors.

The net profit for the year ended December 31st, 1919, after providing for depreciation, excess profit duty, and interest on debenture stock, amounts to the sum of £251,441 12s. 11d., making with the amount brought forward from the last account, viz., £137,296 8s. 5d., a total of £388,738 1s. 4d. Dividends of 5 per cent. have been paid on the preference stock, and an interim dividend of 5 per cent. upon the ordinary shares, and the sum of £8,475 is applied to the debenture stock redemption in accordance with the terms of the debenture trust deed. The directors recommend that a further dividend of 5 per cent. and a bonus of 5 per cent., less income-tax, be paid upon the ordinary shares; that the sum of £100,000 be carried to the general reserve; that the sum of £50,000 be carried to a reserve for the equalisation of dividends; that the sum of £50,000 be carried to a pension fund the directors propose to create for the employees of the company, and the balance of £38,788 1s. 4d. be carried forward to the next account. It is desired to place upon record the appreciation of the valued services of Mr. Lewis Evans, who retired from the directorate on December 31st last, after occupying the position of a director for over 34 years. Mr. H. A. Vernet, who was appointed a director of the company on January 19th, 1920, and Mr. R. F. Pratt Barlow, a director of the company, retire from office in accordance with the articles of association, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The directors again desire to acknowledge the loyal and efficient services of the employees of the company, both at home and abroad, the response to the call for increased productivity at the mills and manufactories having been a most pronounced and gratifying feature.

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Following the acquisition of the Star Paper Mill Co., Ltd., by Mr. Alexander Young, of Wigan, a new company has been registered under the above title, with a capital of £625,000, divided into £1 shares, and the recent issue of 500,000 shares, at par, has, we understand, been over-subscribed. The mill contains six machines, ranging from 102 to 144 inches wide, with an excellent engine and boiler plant. Messrs. W. R. Challinor, M.B.E., John Ely Jepson, J.P., J. S. Rixon and John Elliott Jepson have been invited to join the new board.

REPLYING to an attack on the financial policy in the House of Commons, on Wednesday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said time, patience, and perseverance were the main requisites for a happy issue from our present troubles.



Paper Merchants and the Printer.

SIR.—We have been receiving recently many samples of paper and price lists printed by various duplicator processes. These samples have emanated from houses who, we have reason to believe, derive the larger portion of their business from printers' requirements. I suggest that no trade has had a better opportunity of passing their increased costs and establishment charges on to their customers than the paper merchant. Economies of this description in the cutting down of their printers' bill seem a very poor return for the profits the printers have been to a very great extent instrumental in piling up for the paper merchant during the last few years.

I do not know of any paper house that has had a particularly bad year recently, and if printers' customers can still afford to keep the printing trade busy, surely the paper merchant is deriving direct benefit, and can afford to employ a printer and send out decently printed samples and price lists. If the paper merchant is going to lead the way in finding a substitute for printing, it behoves the printing trade to take "direct action" to safeguard their industry.

Yours, etc.,
ALF. LANGLEY.

The Euston Press,
6 and 8, Euston-buildings, London, N.W.,
March 27th, 1920.

The House of Cassell.

Nine members of the staff of Messrs. Cassell and Co., who have been in the firm's service for more than fifty years, were specially recognised by the directors, on Friday, by the presentation of a gold watch or silver tea service, according to the choice of the recipient. Nearly 550 years' service were represented altogether. Some time ago a tenth member of the staff received a presentation on the attainment of a similar record.

Sir Clarence Smith, J.P., who presided, said that at La Belle Sauvage Yard they had fifty-three men employed over 65 years of age, of whom fourteen were over 70 years of age, and forty-six between 60 and 65. Twenty-five employees had also been with the firm more than forty years. The oldest member was one of the most energetic, and was engaged in work which required special concentration, although he was 80 years of age.

ACCORDING to the *Labour Gazette* there were five fatal accidents in the paper, printing, etc. group of trades in February.

Personal.

VISCOUNT BURNHAM, Lord Riddell, Sir Frank Newnes, Mr. Howard Hazell and Mr. Crowle-Smith were among those who attended the dinner given at the Carlton Hotel on Friday night to Mr. H. G. Wells by the directors of George Newnes, Ltd., to compliment him upon the success of his "Outline of History."

MR. CHAS. H. AULT, President and treasurer of the Jaenecke-Ault Co., Newark, N.J., U.S.A., is on a visit to this country, after making an extended tour of South America.

MR. AULT has many friends in London, where he carried on an extensive business in inks for printers for many years. When he acquired the American business of Messrs. Jaenecke, just prior to the war, all German interests were then eliminated.

MR. AULT now controls one of the largest printing ink and colour plants in the world. He expects to return to the States on the "Adriatic" on April 7th.

MR. GEORGE A. ISAACS, as Mayor of Southwark, deserves most of the credit for the formation at Southwark of a local branch of the Industrial League and Council.

AMONG those whom Mr. Isaacs invited to a meeting to discuss the formation of such a branch, were representatives from 34 local branches of trade unions, and out of that number only one branch declined the invitation.

MR. A. WILLIAMSON, costing secretary of the Federation of Master Printers, attended a meeting of the district committee of the Joint Industrial Council at Aldershot, last week, and pointed out the importance of supporting the costing movement.

MR. E. W. HUMPHRIES (vice-president of the Federation of Master Printers), and Mr. A. E. Goodwin (secretary) were the principal speakers at interesting meetings held at Sheffield, Birmingham and Manchester, last week, when members of the National Union of Bookbinders had the whole subject of time-sheets put before them.

MR. F. PRIMROSE STEVENSON, who is relinquishing the position of Lobby correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co., after 25 years, was entertained at dinner on Friday by his late colleagues and presented with a bracket clock. Mr. Stevenson has also received from the directors of the company a silver salver and a cheque.

MR. H. GODFREY and Mr. R. H. Swift (joint chairmen of the Industrial Reconstruction Committee in the envelope making and manufacturing stationery trade) gave evidence last week before the Merchandise Marks Committee on the advisability of international action being taken to prevent foreign produced goods being sold as British in other countries.

PRESIDING at the annual dinner of the Associated Newspapers Distributing Association last week, Mr. Horatio Bottomley, M.P., suggested that a way out of present difficulties arising from increasing costs was to raise the price of papers to twopence, because people would have their papers.

LORD RIDDELL, in the course of a characteristic speech on the same occasion, remarked that the price of paper had risen a penny or more a pound during the last two months, a serious matter when looked at from the standpoint of the whole newspaper trade.

SIR HOWARD HANDLEY SPICER, K.B.E., has been appointed a member of the Governing Body of the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

Lloyd Memorial Home.

The New "Peace" Wing.

MR. F. J. Beaden presided on Saturday at the annual meeting of the Governing Board of the Lloyd Memorial (Caxton) Seaside Home, when a report of the year's work was presented.

Convalescent treatment is now given at some 80 institutions in various parts of the country. The income for the year was £5,249, and after meeting all expenses there was a balance of £444. During the year 1,290 persons were admitted to the Home, and over £600 was spent on the free treatment of printer soldiers and sailors. The building of the Printers' Peace Memorial wing will be started at the earliest possible moment. It is hoped that the necessary funds needed to complete this scheme will be raised this year. The offices of the Printers' Peace Memorial Wing are at 20, Blackfriars-road, S.E.

STATIONERY AT ISLINGTON.—The paper and printing trades are represented at the Islington Fair and Market by some thirty exhibitors who include some well-known British firms. Messrs. Spicer Brothers, Ltd., occupy a prominent position in the stationery section, and other excellent displays are those of William Collins, Sons and Co., Ltd.; Raphael Tuck and Co., Ltd.; Harper, Woodhead, and Co.; William Sinclair and Sons (Stationers), Ltd. Ball dresses made of crepe paper and costing two or three shillings are among the novelties shown.

Trade Notes.

THE late T. M. Ellis, one of the founders of the London *Evening News*, left £4,405.

It is proposed that the Swiss Customs duty on cylinder covers for printing should be raised from one to three francs.

THE *General Weekly Shipping List* has been acquired by the Committee of Lloyd's and is now published from 35, Royal Exchange, London, E.C.3.

THE death has taken place at Aberdeen of Mr. John Henderson, who for fully 43 years had been identified with the publishing department of the *Aberdeen Daily Journal* and *Evening Express*.

THE council of the Federation of Master Printers will meet on April 13th, when a number of important topics will be given consideration. On the following day there will be a meeting of the Joint Industrial Council, among the subjects down for discussion being the problem of unemployment insurance.

AT the annual general meeting of the Federation of Master Process Engravers, today, an important matter being discussed is a proposed new method of charging for process blocks. A new scale has been very carefully drawn up, special regard having been paid to the advantages of the American scale, and it is urged that this simplified scale now submitted for adoption will advantage both the engraver and his customer.

ACCORDING to returns received from employers there were 31,638 workpeople employed in the printing and bookbinding industry in the week ended February 21st, an increase of 1.4 per cent. compared with a month before, and an increase of 26.1 per cent. as against a year before. The total wages paid to all workpeople was £89,164, an increase of 2.3 per cent. compared with a month before, and an increase of 59.3 per cent. as against a year before.

THE Printers' Managers and Overseers Association held a special general meeting on March 23rd, when consideration was given to the question of the increases in wages of managers and overseers as compared with the increases granted to journeymen. Mr. A. E. Jarvis, president, was in the chair, and an interesting discussion took place. The outcome of the meeting was the appointment of a committee to collect evidence on the matter and report to the Association.

PRINTING PROGRESS.—At a meeting of the Birmingham Education Committee on Friday last it was decided to purchase the following equipment for the printing classes at the School of Art: Wharfedale printing machine, £531 8s.; platen machine, £307 19s.; hand press, £40; imposing machine, £20; motors, fittings, etc., £100. Substantial progress in technical instruction in printing is expected,

and there is a big increase in the number of students.

THE late Mr. Edward Henry Webb, Portishead, Somerset, printer and stationer, left £18,888.

THE Yorkshire Group of branches of the Typographical Association will hold their annual conference at Scarborough on June 19th.

SOUTH London retail newsagents are to charge from April 4th a penny per week for the delivery of daily papers and a penny a month for Sunday papers.

THE annual meeting of the Scottish Alliance of Masters in the Printing and Allied Trades was due to be held (yesterday) Wednesday. Mr. J. Paterson was to present a report of the year's work, and the officers for the ensuing year to be elected.

ABOUT forty returned soldiers, members of the Birmingham branch of the National Union of Journalists, were given a hearty "Welcome Home" at a smoking concert held recently at Birmingham, a large number of newspaper men from various parts of the Midlands being present.

OUT of a trade union membership at the end of February of 88,875 in the printing, bookbinding and paper trades, 590 were unemployed at the end of February, 1920, or 0.7 per cent., a decrease of 0.3 compared with a month ago and a decrease of 1.2 per cent. compared with 12 months ago.

MR. GEORGE LANSBURY, urging that May Day should be a general holiday, suggested that the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation, which he declared, made the newspaper proprietors tremble, should let the N.P.A. know that they intended that those engaged in the production of newspapers should also have the holiday.

THE destruction by fire of the printing works of Mr. D. W. Jones, Aberavon (reported in our March 11th issue) has been followed by the holding of a largely attended meeting, called by Mr. Abel Jones (president of Aberavon and Port Talbot Chamber of Trade) and presided over by the Mayor, expressing sympathy with Mr. Jones in his loss, and initiating a fund to provide machinery to enable him restart in business.

DUBLIN NEWSPAPER RAID.—The Recorder of the Dublin City Sessions has awarded £15,000 damages against the Dublin Corporation to the Independent Newspapers, Limited, for the destruction of property in the raid on their premises by armed men in Christmas week. Forty-four thousand pounds were claimed. The raid was made on the offices of the *Irish Daily Independent*, at about 10.30 on Sunday night, December 21st, 1919. The raiders, who smashed all the machinery, left a statement for the editor to the effect that their action was an expression of their resentment that the young man who attempted to kill Lord French two days before had been described in the editorial columns as an "assassin."



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Current Topics.

The New Wage Demand.

THE demand from the London Printing Trades Federation for a further wages advance of 15s. in all departments has been received by the London Master Printers' Association and will come before the council of that body. Although preliminary intimation of a memorial had been given, the "request" for this increase has had a disturbing effect upon master printers, who are wondering when the limit will be reached. Judging by the public utterances of Mr. T. E. Naylor (secretary of the L.S.C.), it seems doubtful whether the concession of even 15s. would set the period to wage advances. Speaking at the Memorial Hall on Saturday, at a meeting of trade unionists and operatives, Mr. Naylor declared that the Prime Minister was quite right when he charged them with the desire to overthrow the capitalist system. This observation would seem to show master printers what they are up against. Certainly conditions in the printing trade are becoming

more difficult. In this issue Mr. Alfred Langley calls attention to the practice of printers' customers themselves adopting the use of duplicating processes in place of printing for their various announcements. This is only one of the tendencies which make the position of the master printer an exceedingly anxious one, especially in view of the fact that more capital is required for the development of business and the heavier costs of replacing machinery. Any additional charge on the wages account will necessitate still higher prices for printing, which is not likely to add to the popularity of this method of publicity. With wages and prices mounting hand-over-fist, it is difficult to see how the mad race will finish, whether in a dead heat or the extinction of the competitors.

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Mr. G. A. Isaacs and the N.S.O.P.A.

SURPRISE and regret must have been very widely felt in respect of the intimation that Mr. G. A. Isaacs, the popular general secretary of the National Society of Operative Printers' Assistants, intended to retire from his secretaryship at the end of the present year. The headquarters of the Society have received from all parts of the country resolutions urging Mr. Isaacs to reconsider his decision. We understand that the executive council of the society is treating the affair as confidential, and that no information is at present available as to the considerations which led Mr. Isaacs to the decision indicated. At the time of writing, the executive is busy upon the matter, and is hopeful of persuading Mr. Isaacs to retain his position.

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Paper Prices.

THE prices asked for common printing s writings and banks have advanced again to the extent of about $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 1d. per lb. Notifications of higher prices for the better-class papers will not long be delayed, notwithstanding the fact that it is barely a month since there was an all-round jump. The outstanding feature of the situation is that advances in price do not serve in any way to retard orders. The demand for printed matter and stationery is so keen, and the necessity of securing supplies so great, that price cannot be allowed to stand in the way. There is a gigantic volume of business looming in view, and so far we have not touched the outside fringe. It may almost be said that we are concerned with home industry at the moment to the exclusion of the export trade. The chaotic state of Europe is an obstacle to international trade, and until order is restored the resumption of business

relations is unthinkable. Whenever orderliness prevails, as it is bound to do eventually, the boom will extend its scope. Thus we anticipate the continuance of overwhelming trade for years to come; and as far as prices are concerned there can be no competition until the demand is finally overhauled by supply. The return of competition will mark the turn in the tide of prices and profits, not to mention the possible rejuvenation of what was once known as common courtesy and stock delivery.

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Wholesale Stationers.

The scheme of organising the wholesale stationers of the country has so far completed that the establishment of a National Association is announced. We understand that the movement embraces the whole of Great Britain, including Scotland and Ireland. For some years, of course, in addition to the Association of Wholesale Stationers which had its headquarters in London, there have been strong bodies in Birmingham and Manchester and other important towns. In these days, however, a trading community or an industry cannot afford to have sections working on different lines. Moreover, the wholesale stationers' associations of the country have grown too large and too important for independent existence, and their amalgamation will naturally concentrate all their influence and power. The National Association is fortunate in securing Mr. Harvey Greenham as secretary, and he will give his whole time to the work. Mr. R. H. Stainforth will continue to act as secretary of the London Association, which now embraces the South and West of England, with Mr. Rodway Stevens, who has been the acting-secretary, as his very able lieutenant. When the National Association is able to secure its own offices, in an appropriate part of London, it will be ready to go forward with the work which lies before it.

Envelope Makers and Manufacturing Stationers

SINCE its formation in March, 1918, the Employers' Federation of Envelope Makers and Manufacturing Stationers has performed much solid ground-work in organising the industry. The proceedings at the annual general meeting in London last week furnished ample proof of this. It has been made clear to employers and workpeople alike that the manufacture of stationery is not merely an offshoot of the printing trade, but that the bulk of the operations are

peculiar to the trade itself. Stationery is a very comprehensive term, but the envelope maker and the manufacturing stationer carry on operations almost as distinct as those of the papermaker himself. They are therefore entitled to the distinction which appertains to manufacturers. In giving to the industry its real character the Employers' Federation has rendered good service to the industry and raised it to a position of greater dignity.

Hours and Holidays Agreement.

Important Decision.

At a meeting of the Joint Committee held on March 25th, 1920, at 24, Holborn, it was decided, in view of the difficulty in interpreting clause 3 of the Hours and Holidays Agreement, that this clause should read as follows:—

It is agreed that one week's holiday per annum be granted. The holiday shall be taken between March 31st and September 30th unless otherwise agreed between the employer and the employee, and be paid for at the ordinary 'stab rate, or in the case of pieceworkers at their average weekly earnings during the previous six months. Always provided that such employee has been in the employ of the firm for a period of twelve consecutive months prior to June 30th.

In the event of any employee leaving his employment such employee shall be entitled to a pro rata allowance in respect of the week's holiday, on the basis of one day for each completed two months' service subsequent to the preceding June 30th. Qualification for the week's summer holiday will date from June 30th irrespective of the date upon which the holiday is taken. Other decisions were also arrived at regarding special cases.

Scottish Printers' Demand.

The Scottish Printing and Kindred Trades' Federation have decided to put forward a request for an increase of 22s. 6d. a week on the present minimum of £4. 2s. 6. for all skilled workers. The demand is in support of a resolution to establish a £5 5s. minimum for all skilled operatives.

It has also been agreed to ask an advance of 10s. a week for all unskilled men and women workers, and an increase in the rates for apprentices.

The proposals affect over 10,000 workers, and in the first instance will be referred to the Joint Wages Board for adjustment.

Commercial Intelligence.

CURRENT SHARE PRICES.

Amalgamated Press, 6½, 6½, Pref., 13s. 9d., 14s.; Associated Newspapers, 7 p.c. Cum., 18s., 17s. 6d., Pref., 14s. 6d.; Cassell, 8½, 9½; *Country Life*, Pref., 12s. 6d., 12s. 9d., 25s. 3d.; J. Dickinson, 29s. 7½d., 4½ p.c. 1st Mt. Deb., 68; *Financial News*, 13s. 3d., 12s. 6d., Pref., 16s. 4½d.; Ilford, 23s. 9d., Pref., 16s.; *Illustrated London News*, Pref., 12s. 9d., 1st Deb., 54½; International Linotype, 57½; Lamson Paragon, 22s., 22s. 6d., Pref., 15s.; Linotype, A Deb., 61½, B Deb., 56½; Edward Lloyd, 16s.; Charles Marsden, 33s. 3d., 31s. 6d., Pref., 20s. 6d.; New Pegasus, 22s. 6d.; George Newnes, 14s., 14s. 9d., Pref., 12s.; C. A. Pearson, Pref., 62s. 6d.; Pictorial Newspaper Co., 18s. 9d., Pref., 14s. 9d.; Roneo, 46s. 9d.; Raphael Tuck, 22s. 7½d., Pref., 72s. 6d.; Wall-paper Manufacturers, 22s. 6d., Def., 20s. 10½d., 21s. 3d., 20s. 7½d., Pref., 14s. 6d.; Waterlow and Sons, Def., 19½; Waterlow Bros. and Layton, 30; Weldon's, Pref., 15s.; Wiggins, Teape and Co., 1919, f.p., 31s., 7 p.c. Cum. Pref., f.p., 19s. 3d.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

PRINTING MACHINERY CO., LTD.—The directors of the Printing Machinery Co. announce an interim dividend of 7½ per cent. per annum (9d. per share), less tax, on the ordinary shares for the past half-year.

NEW COMPANIES.

WARWICK PRESS, LTD.—Capital, £5,000, in £1 shares; art publishers, stationers, printers, etc. Private company. First directors: J. Harris, J. B. Carey and J. A. Mulholland. Registered office: 6, Warwick-street, W.

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WESTMINSTER PRESS, LTD.—Capital, £500,000, in 245,000 pref., 245,000 preferred ordinary and 10,000 deferred ordinary shares, all of £1 each; proprietors, printers and publishers of newspapers, magazines, books and other works, etc. Private company. First directors: J. B. Morrell and Sir Chas. W. Starmer. Registered office: 102, Shoe-lane, E.C.

ELOF HANSSON AGENCY, LTD.—Capital, £5,000, in £1 shares; merchants, importers and exporters of paper, articles made from paper or pulp and materials used in the manufacture of paper, cardboard, millboard or wood pulp, etc., in the U.K., Scandinavia and elsewhere. Subscribers: H. Reynolds and D. Reynolds. Private company. Registered office: 7, Arundel-street, Strand, W.C.

W. A. SMITH (LEEDS), LTD.—Capital £4,500, in £1 shares. Printers and stationers. Private company. First directors: W. A. Smith, C. A. Smith, Fanny R. Smith. Registered office, 15, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

W. C. B. WADE, LTD.—Capital £10,000, in £1 shares. Publishers, stationers, printers, lithographers, etc. Private company. Permanent directors: W. C. B. Wade, L. R. Wade. Registered office, 25, Bucklersbury, E.C.

HORTICULTURAL ADVERTISERS, LTD.—Capital £10,000, in £1 shares. Newspaper proprietors. Private company. First directors: A. H. Pearson, C. E. Pearson. Registered office, The Nurseries, Lowdham, Notts.

COMMERCIAL PUBLICITY, LTD.—Capital £3,000, in £1 shares. Publicity and advertising agents, bill posters, newspaper proprietors, publishers, etc. Private company. First directors: S. J. Read, B. P. Hall, S. J. Adams. Registered office, 38, Church-street, Sheffield.

B. S. AND W. WHITELEY, LTD.—Capital £20,000, in £1 shares (5,000 pref.). Manufacturers of and dealers in paper and fibre boards. Private company. First directors: W. L. Whiteley, H. Whiteley, W. Whitely. Registered office, The Paper Mills, Pool, Leeds.

JETTS (PAPER), LTD.—Capital £10,000, in £1 shares. Manufacturers of paper, paper bags, account books and cardboard, stationers, printers, etc. Subscribers: B. Jones, W. Williams. Private company. Subscribers appoint first directors. Registered office, 41, Pembroke-buildings, Swansea.

ARUNDEL STUDIO, LTD.—Capital £3,000, in £1 shares; dealers in copyrights, lithograph-

ers, photographers, photo etchers and printers, stationers, etc. Private company. First directors: J. Pavey and J. E. Walsh. Registered office: 53, Old Bailey, E.C.4.

DURHAM COUNTY ADVERTISER AND GENERAL PRINTING CO., LTD.—Satisfaction in full on January 31st, 1920, of debentures dated July 27th, 1912, securing £1,200.

ARTS AND GENERAL PUBLISHERS, LTD.—Registered with a capital of £5,000, in £10 shares, to carry on the business of newspaper proprietors, printers, publishers, advertising agents, etc. The first directors are T. C. Meach and H. Mandelstorn. Private company. Registered office, 23, Barton-street, West Kensington, W.

BERKELEY PRESS, LTD.—Registered with a capital of £5,000, in £1 shares, to carry on the business indicated by the title. The subscribers are J. H. Watson, and R. Crossley. Private company. The subscribers are to appoint the first directors.

COMPANY MORTGAGES AND CHARGES.

Fresh Obligations registered pursuant to Section 10 of the Companies Act, 1907, and Satisfaction registered pursuant to Section 16 of the Companies Act, 1900. (The registration of Satisfaction is not compulsory.)

WHITE PRESS, LTD. (Birmingham).—Particulars of £5,000 debentures, created March 1st, 1920, charged on the company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled and unpaid capital. No trustees.

CATLING HADLEY AND CO., LTD. (engineers, manufacturing stationers, etc., Manchester).—Mortgage debenture dated March 15th, 1920, to secure £500, charged on the company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled capital. Holders: George Becker Engineering Co., Ltd., 13, Bishopsgate-avenue, Camomile-street, E.C.

WEBBERLEY, LTD. (printers, Hanley).—Mortgage dated March 12th, 1920, to secure £7,500 charged on shops in Percy-street, and Tontine-street, Hanley. Holders: Leek and Moorlands Building Society, Stockwell-street, Leek, Staffs.

HEY AND CO. (BOXMAKERS), LTD. (Bradford).—Satisfaction in full on November 17th, 1919, of debenture dated April 28th, 1911, securing £1,000.

TURNER AND DUNNETT, LTD. (printers, Liverpool).—Mortgage dated March 16th, 1920, to secure £15,000 charge on 10 and 12, Moor-street, and 3 and 3a, Old Ropery, Liverpool. Holder: R. Turner, Oaklands, Hooton, Ches.

TAGS, LTD. (Liverpool).—Legal mortgage dated March 15th, 1920, to secure £1,000, charged on certain lands and premises in Liverpool. Holders: W. A. Duncan Dilston House, Cressington Park, Liverpool.

E. D. HAWKSEY, LTD. (artists, engravers, etc., Manchester).—Particulars of £200 debentures,

created February 27th, 1920, charged on the company's property, present and future, including uncalled capital. No trustees.

NATIONAL LABOUR PRESS, LTD. (Manchester).—Trust deed dated March 4th, 1920, securing £20,000 debenture stock, charged on freehold and leasehold land and premises at Leicester and Salford and the company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled capital, subject to prior charges. Holders: R. C. Wallhead and G. Benson, both of Manchester.

E. AND F. N. SPON, LTD. (publishers, London).—Satisfaction in full on March 8th, 1920, of debentures dated 1913, securing £2,500.

WILLIAM BRENDON AND SON, LTD. (printers and publishers, Plymouth).—Particulars of £21,000 debentures, created March 11th, 1920, charged on the company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled capital. No trustees.

WILLIAM SESSIONS, LTD. (printers, York).—Charge on 2,379 acres of land near Earswick Station, dated February 20th, 1920, to secure all moneys due or to become due from company to National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.

KETTLE-BOWMAN, LTD. (publishers, London).—Satisfaction in full on January 30th, 1920, of debenture dated May 15th, 1913, securing £138 3s. 7d.

J. E. BEALE, LTD. (stationers, Bournemouth).—Satisfaction in full on March 6th, 1920, of debentures dated September 26th, 1912, securing £28,000.

COMPANY NOTICES, etc.

BURNS AND OATES, LTD.—Resolved, March 1st, confirmed, March 17th, that the company be wound up voluntarily; and that G. S. Todd, of 28, Orchard-street, London, W.1, be appointed liquidator. A meeting of creditors at the company's registered office, 28, Orchard-street, London, W.1., April 7th, at 3 p.m.

OFFSET-LITHO, LTD.—Creditors are required, on or before April 23rd, 1920, to send particulars of debts or claims to A. F. Dickin, Chartered Accountant, of Sardinia House, Sardinia-street, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

LANSTON MONOTYPE.—The directors of the Lanston Monotype Corporation propose to increase the capital to £700,000, and contemplate making an issue of not less than 100,000 shares for the purpose of extending the business. Also they desire to capitalise the whole or a portion of the reserve fund, which forms an integral part of the trading capital, and cannot be withdrawn from the assets unless further capital of an equivalent amount were raised. If the proposals are acceptable, the directors suggest that they could be carried out by the allotment of some shares to be created as bonus shares. They also think it advisable to have available a sufficient number of shares to enable them to carry through any arrangement they may be able to make for dealing with the debenture stock.

Gazette.

A WORD OF CAUTION.

In giving the official Gazette information, it must be distinctly understood that we take official records as we find them, and accept no responsibility for inaccuracies, while, as an almost invariable rule, the facts will be found correct. We advise our readers, before forming hasty judgment, to consider that there may be in each case satisfactory explanation which does not appear on the records.—Ed.]

ENGLAND AND WALES.

PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

Felix Harrand and James William Fuller chromo lithographers, 279, Borough High-street, London. January 31st, 1920. Debts by S. H. Bersey, 53, New Broad-street, E.C., 2, chartered accountant.

Giles Andrew Lord, Fred Lord, and Alice Ann Howarth, printers and stationers, High-street, Lees, under style "Jas. B. Lord and Sons." June 30th, 1919. Debts by F Lord and A. A. Howarth, who continue.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1914.

FIRST MEETING AND PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

Reeve, C. R., 55, Roundhay-road, Leeds, paper merchant and stationer. First meeting of creditors, March 31st, 11 a.m., at official receiver's office, 24, Bond-street, Leeds. Public examination, April 20th, 11 a.m., at County Court House, Albion-place, Leeds.

APPLICATION FOR DEBTOR'S DISCHARGE.

Chappell, F. W., 143, Cumberland-road, carrying on business at 19, Redcliff street, and 1, 2, and 3, Thomas-lane, Bristol, wholesale stationer and printer. To be heard April 30th, 11 a.m., at the Guildhall, Bristol.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND.

Taylor, F., 207, Moseley-road, and 10, St. Paul's-road, Birmingham, printer. Claims by April 7th to A. S. Cully, official receiver, Ruskin Chambers, 191, Corporation-street, Birmingham.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

Aldard, H. F., 55, Banner-street, City-road, London, E.C.1, printer. First dividend of 7s. 6d., April 9th, at offices of Elles, Salaman, Coates and Co., chartered accountants, 1 and 2, Bucklersbury, E.C.4.

Wages in the Paper Trade.

Negotiations are proceeding between the Papermakers' Federation and the representatives of the unions with reference to the demand for an increase of wages. An alternative offer has been made on behalf of the employers, but this was not acceptable to the union leaders. Negotiations are being continued, however, in the hope of reaching a settlement.

Swedish Paper Exports.

Rumours have been current in Sweden, it appears, to the effect that restrictions on the export of paper might be re-introduced. These rumours, however, have been denied by the Swedish Minister of Finance in the Swedish Press. He stated that there was no foundation at all for the rumours, and, speaking of the restrictions which had been imposed during the war, he declared that in so far as they had been relaxed, there was no question of putting them into force again. The Minister intimated that there had been no request from any party representing either the newspapers or any other interest in favour of any restriction on export.

It would seem that the extent of the exports of paper from Sweden during January had given rise to some fears that there might be a scarcity of paper in Sweden, especially as regarded news-print.

Swedish papermakers, according to *Svensk Handelstidning*, agree that they are at present working under favourable market conditions in the matter of export, but they point out that they had a very hard time during 1918 and the first half of 1919, when foreign shipments were considerably below the normal. They contend, therefore, that they are entitled to be allowed to catch up a little bit. At the same time they state that they have contracts running with Swedish consumers for a considerable time, and, in addition to fulfilling these, they will have a little in hand to meet any extraordinary demand which may arise at home. Consequently the papermakers deny that there is any necessity for any prohibition or restriction of export. It is stated that papermakers as well as consumers consider it would be an injury to the paper trade as a whole if there was anything of the kind, and according to the statement of the Minister of Finance, there is no likelihood of such a contingency.

While the exports from Sweden for January have been exceptionally large, especially in regard to news print, it is not anticipated, according to an official of the Swedish Consulate General in London, that the same proportion of export will be maintained in later months.

Hartlepoons Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.

If rumour can be credited, quite a number of mills are likely to change hands at an early date. There is no doubt that financial groups are giving attention to paper as well as to cotton undertakings. It is reported that an offer has been made to the shareholders of the Hartlepoons Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd., to acquire their holdings at £14 10s. per £5 share. The mill contains three machines, 74, 86 and 96 inches, finished paper.

New British Patents.

Applications.

- Avis, A. Manufacture of corrugated paper, cardboard, etc. 7,514.
 Blyth, H., and Blyth, Ltd., P. Collapsible cardboard, etc., boxes. 8,294.
 Dombrowski, D. Cardboard boxes for incandescent mantles, etc. 8,121.
 Embleton, J. W. Combined notepaper and envelope. 6,968.
 James, F. Loose-leaf binders. 7,736.
 King, J. S., and Knight and Co., C. Loose-leaf binders. 8,250.
 Lanston Monotype Corporation (Lanston Monotype Machine Co.). Strip perforators. 6,949.
 Lauer, M. Combined envelope and letter-sheet. 6,970.
 Linotype and Machinery, Ltd., and Littler, J. W. Flat-bed printing presses. 7,427.
 Martin, L. Automatic layer-on for printing presses, etc. 7,834.
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Mr. Courtney Lewis author of "The Picture Printer of the Nineteenth Century," "The Baxter Book, 1919," etc., is a connoisseur and specialist in Baxter prints. His latest volume is an interesting and valuable addition to his previous writings, as in it he passes from the story of Baxter himself to provide a history and detailed catalogue of the achievements of Le Blond and Co. by the Baxter process, together with an account of the work of other Baxter licensees.

The book opens with a short outline of the Baxter process of "picture printing in oil colours," which the author says consists essentially in the use of (1) a metal plate for the foundation, (2) wood blocks for the colours, and (3) oil inks. Next follows a sketch of the constitution and activities of the firm of Le Blond and Co., the first and best of all the colour printers who held licences from George Baxter. Then, with the exception of a small concluding chapter dealing with the other Baxter licensees, the remainder and greater part of the volume is devoted to what the author believes to be a complete catalogue of the colour prints produced by Le Blond and Co. by the Baxter process; as much information as possible is given, including an indication of prices "which a collector wishful to buy by private treaty might expect to give to a seller willing to sell."

The volume is a crown octavo of about 140 pp., well-produced in cloth gilt boards, with a portrait of Abraham Le Blond as frontispiece, and illustrated by fifteen excellent half-tone reproductions of typical Le Blond prints.

Australian Stationery Market.

Position of the United Kingdom.

Australia's imports of paper for the quarter ended June 30th amounted to £1,481,244, of which the United States sent £1,040,614 and the United Kingdom £86,620. Other British Possessions were responsible for £249,347 and Japan for £9,454.

In stationery, however, the United Kingdom takes the lead, sending £153,683 worth out of a total import of £270,842. The share of the United States was £100,295; Japan £5,745 and other British Possessions £5,238.

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Paper Commission.

The Result of a Re-Sale.

In the King's Bench Division, last week, before Mr. Justice Darling, Mr. Wilfred I. Fross, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, sought to recover from Messrs. Relph, Darwen and Pearce, paper merchants, of 76, Finsbury-pavement, a sum of £108 alleged to be due from the defendants by way of commission on goods sold.

Mr. Morle, who represented the plaintiff, intimated that in 1918 the plaintiff was employed by the defendants to act as their agent for the sale of paper in the Manchester district at a commission of 2½ per cent. The defendants' regular agent at this time was in the army and the appointment was temporary. It was for sales effected by the plaintiff between April, 1918, and February, 1919, that he was suing. The defendants in their defence now said it was a condition that commission was not payable until the buyers had paid for the goods and this defence related to some £56 of the amount claimed, they having not yet been paid. There was a second defence in which it was said that the plaintiff had without their knowledge or consent in breach of his agreement with them entered into an arrangement with a Mr. Heywood, under which Mr. Heywood was to pay the plaintiff part of his profit on the re-sale of certain paper bought through plaintiff for defendants. Defendants said plaintiff acted fraudulently in this respect and counter-claimed damages for the loss sustained by them in consequence. It appeared, said Mr. Morle, that towards the end of April, 1918, there was a great scarcity of grease-proof paper. The plaintiff at this time obtained an order for 15 tons from Mr. John Heywood, Manchester, and another for 25 tons from a Messrs. Slater in the same district. Defendants could not supply such a large quantity, and they agreed to execute the order of Mr. Heywood at 1s. 11d. per lb. It appeared Messrs. Slater were prepared to give 2s. 1d., and the plaintiff saw Mr. Heywood afterwards who agreed to resell his paper to them at this

price. This was done through the plaintiff, and heshared with Mr. Heywood the profit over the transaction. So far from being a fraud, he (Mr. Morle) said it was a commercial transaction. The plaintiff had no more paper to sell, and there was no agreement that the plaintiff was to act exclusively for the defendants. The plaintiff had previously informed the defendants he had taken an order for Messrs. Slater and Co., but they could not execute it. Therefore the plaintiff could act independently.

The plaintiff bore out counsel's opening, and said that he did not go into the transaction with Mr. Heywood as to the re-sale until after he knew defendants could not sell any more paper. Mr. John Heywood was director of Messrs. John Heywood, Ltd., Deansgate, Manchester. On the re-sale he drew about £140 as part of the profit.

In cross-examination plaintiff said he did not specially ask Mr. Heywood to meet him at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, and then say that he (Heywood) could do him a good turn as he could sell some paper at a higher price than he was quoting.

Mr. Woodgate: Why was not this deal carried out in the name of Messrs. John Heywood and Co.?—I don't know.

Witness said Mr. Heywood received an open cheque from Messrs. Slater and Co. and gave it to himself. He paid the defendants for the paper, and sent Mr. Heywood a cheque for half the profit. He was aware Mr. Heywood saw the defendants afterwards when buying other paper and told them of this deal with him.

His Lordship said he was satisfied that this deal with Mr. Heywood was a fraud of plaintiff's in order to get a double commission. In these circumstances the defendants would be entitled to the extra profit arising from it, £280, under their counterclaim for damages. He should give judgment for plaintiff for commission £108, without costs, and for the defendants for £280, with costs, on their counterclaim. The reason he did not desire to hear Mr. John Heywood on the point was that he was satisfied on the documents and answers of the plaintiff that the plaintiff did this thing himself as a fraud on those who employed him.

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Mr. Harvey Greenham was educated at Marlborough College and is a graduate of Jesus College, Cambridge. He is also a member of the Bar. Although he has not formerly been associated with the paper trade, he has had a distinguished career at the front and as a private secretary, and the Association are to be congratulated on securing his services.

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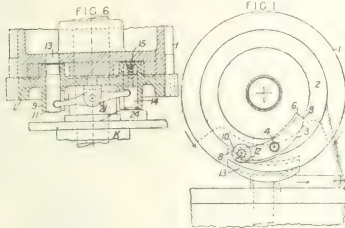
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being actuated by a stationary or cam-actuated incline. In a further modification, Fig. 6, the locking-device comprises a plunger 11 mounted in a boss 9 in the loose wheel L and connected by a double lever 21 to a second plunger 14, on which acts a spring 15 tending to move the plunger 11 into locking engagement with a hole 13 in the cylinder 1. A stationary or cam-actuated incline 24 mounted on the frame K acts upon the plunger 14 at the end of the printing stroke to withdraw the plunger 12 from the hole 13.



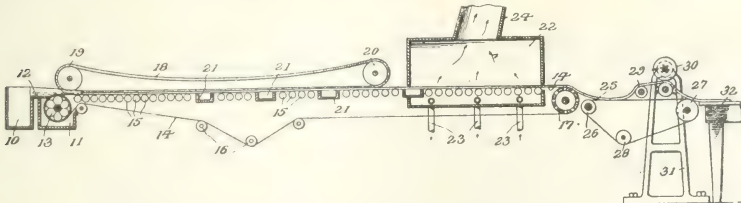
in a groove 2 in the end of the cylinder 1, and during the printing stroke of the bed, the ends 8, 9 engage notches 10, 6 in the walls of the groove, and the cylinder and loose wheel are locked together. Near the end of the printing stroke, an incline 13 is raised by a cam into the path of the pawl 9 out of the notch 6. The pawl 8 remains in driving engagement with the notch 10 throughout the printing stroke; but, if it is desired to trip the

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cylinder, the incline is raised farther to disengage the pawl 8 from the notch 10. During the non-printing stroke, the pawls trail idly in the groove 2 until the end of the stroke, when the fall of the incline 13 permits re-engagement of the pawls with the notches. In a modification, separate locking and driving pawls are provided, the locking-pawl

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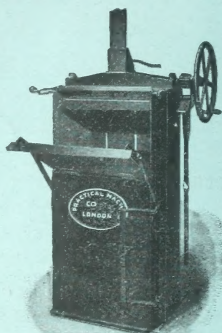
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